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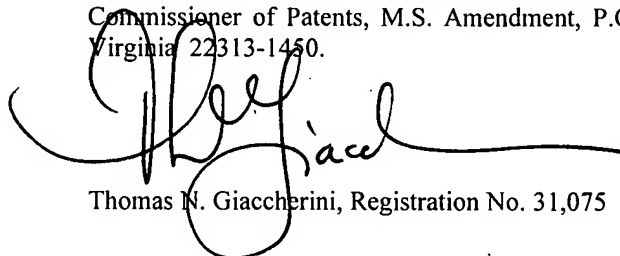
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FIRST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The Applicants submit this First Disclosure Statement in accordance with 37 CFR Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A Completed Form-SB/08A&B accompanies this First Disclosure Statement. The Patent Office mailed a First Non-Final Office Action on 7 February 2008. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(c)(2), a Credit Card Charge Authorization is attached for the fee required under Rule 1.17(p).

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DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS

Document 1A

Internet Small Computer Systems Interface (iSCSI)

Satran et al. specify an Internet standards track protocol for the Internet community. The Applicants believe that is document provides background information regarding SCSI commands and data transfers over TCP/IP, but does not disclose the Invention recited in Applicants' Pending Claim 1.

This document is dated April 2004, but was copyrighted in 2003. The Applicants are uncertain concerning the exact publication date of the Satran document, but are disclosing it to the Patent Office in an abundance of caution to fully comply with their Duty of Disclosure under Rule 56.

Document 1B

mFCP – Metro FCP Protocol for IP Networking

November 2000

Mullendore et al. describe the mFCP protocol, which transport the Fibre Channel Protocol for SCSI (FCP) over metro- and local-scale IP networks that demonstrate comparable latency, reliability, and performance levels to that of a Fibre Channel Network.

Document 1C

Ethernet-based Network Storage – Reality or Pipe Dream?

Khoo et al. introduce some of the key features of the new open source network storage protocol, HyperSCSI, and how it is different from existing solutions. The Applicants believe that this document was published on 11 November 2002.

Document 1D

iFCP- A Protocol for Internet Fibre Channel Storage Networking

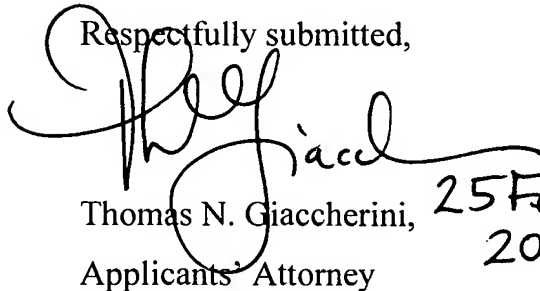
Monia et al. specify iFCP, a gateway-to-gateway protocol for the implementation of a Fibre Channel fabric in which TCP/IP switching and routing elements replace Fibre Channel components.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that none of the documents described above disclose the Invention as claimed in the Present Patent Application. A First Office Action was mailed on 7 February 2008. The Applicants believe that a fee of \$180 is required to submit this First Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R.1.97(c)(2) and 1.17(p).

Respectfully submitted,



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